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Jonathan McReynolds
The New Voice of Gospel Music

From the Executive Director



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Dear friends,

Please join us for Founder's Week 2016 as we celebrate the Alumni Association's 100-year anniversary. Alumni Day will be extra special as we rejoice in the thousands of alumni who have been equipped with the truth of God's Word to reach a desperate world for Christ. To that end, Moody has more than 42,000 alumni around the globe today!

In this issue you'll find inspiring examples of younger and older alumni: a talented urban gospel singer, a longtime jungle pilot, and a recent graduate continuing in the family's long legacy of alumni missionaries.

As part of our centennial celebration, we are running a series on Moody traditions. The story about our school song, "God Bless the School" (Fall 2015), received a lot of positive comments. I think you will enjoy reading about the iconic Moody Arch in this issue. On a related note, we have a wonderful new mascot, one that fits Moody's enduring values (see page 30).

We take time to pray for alumni requests every Monday morning. If you'd like prayer, please email us at mbialum@moody.edu or call (312) 329-4412.

Serving Christ together,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy K Hastings".

Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings
Executive Director, Moody Alumni Association

P.S. Thank you for participating in the alumni survey in the last issue. We'll report the results in a future edition of this magazine.

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Alumni Association to Celebrate 100 Years at Founder's Week

The Alumni Association encourages you to attend Founder's Week, February 1–5, 2016. This year marks the 100-year anniversary of the Alumni Association, a time to celebrate the service and sacrifices of faithful Moody alumni over the years.

We'll also rejoice in God's faithfulness, as respected preachers and teachers explore the theme "No One Like Him." Evening speakers include Joseph Stowell, Alistair Begg, Mark Jobe, Paul Nyquist, and Ravi Zacharias. You will also hear messages from Erwin Lutzer, Ray Pritchard, Stephen Davey, Charlie Dates, Ann Voskamp, and others.

Enjoy catching up with former classmates at the alumni banquet on Tuesday, Alumni Day. Visit the new alumni missionary display, and hear alumni speakers **Ian Leitch '69**, **Don Sweeting '76**, and **Mark Jobe '84** throughout the day. The Alumnus of the Year will be announced during the Tuesday evening session, with a reception afterwards.



The Moody Chorale is celebrating its 70th reunion, and former members are invited to sing with the choir Tuesday evening. For more information, email moodychorale70th@moody.edu.

Class reunions will be held on Tuesday for all class years ending in a "6" or "1." Monday reunion dinners are planned for alumni from the classes of 1966 (50th), 1976 (40th), 1991 (25th), and 2006 (10th). The class of 1976 invites classmates to join a special Facebook page: MBI '76 Friends.

For more details, call the Alumni Association at (312) 329-4412 or email mbialum@moody.edu.

Alumnus Hosts New Moody Radio Show



Alex McLellan '96 is host of a new Moody Radio program that encourages listeners with compelling reasons to believe the Christian worldview. *Reason*

Why with Alex McLellan also equips believers to communicate and defend the Christian faith.

McLellan, the author of *A Jigsaw Guide to Making Sense of the World* (InterVarsity Press 2012), aims to

promote confidence in the Christian faith. "If you're looking at life and looking for answers, Christianity will help you put the broken pieces back together so you can stand back and see the big picture," he says on his website, reasonwhy.org. "The good news: there is hope and we can be prepared to share it!"

After receiving a BA in communications from Moody Bible Institute and an MA in Philosophy of Religion from Talbot School of Theology, the Scotland native worked in the U.K. with **Ian Leitch '69**

and The Heralds Trust before starting Reason Why, Scotland's first Christian apologetics ministry in 2005.

After nearly 10 years, McLellan and his family responded to the global need for evangelism and apologetics support by relocating to California and starting Reason Why International. The ministry, which works with churches, parachurch ministries, Christian camps, Bible colleges, and schools, is chaired

by **Dr. Howard Whaley '59**, Moody's former provost.

McLellan also serves as an associate with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries and Josh McDowell Ministry. He has been featured on a number of radio programs, such as *In the Market with Janet Parshall* and *Chris Fabry Live!* He and his wife, Sheryl, have three children, and live in San Diego, Calif.

Vote for the 2016 Alumni Board Nominees

The Alumni Board of Directors, which meets twice a year, consists of alumni who function as a representative voice for the more than 42,000 living alumni of Moody Bible Institute and Moody Theological Seminary. Elections are held each year to replace members who have completed their term of service. Read about the nominees below, cast your vote on the inserted ballot card, and mail it to the Alumni Association.

New Member



James (Jim) Shedd '72 graduated with a Communications degree from Moody before going on to study at Wheaton College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity

School. He is currently the pastor of North Shore Spanish Baptist Church in Chicago. He previously pastored at Edgewater Baptist Church and at two Spanish-speaking congregations. Jim has taught at the Hispanic Bible School in Chicago since 1976. Jim also ministered with Moody Radio from 1974 to 1989 and participated in the start of Radio Esperanza (now Radio Moody).

Born in Bolivia, Jim is the grandson of Moody alumni missionaries to Bolivia, **Leslie '19** and **Della (Johnston '16-'17) Shedd**. He and his wife, **Janet (Tapy '72) Shedd**, have four children, three of whom are Moody alumni: **Miriam (Shedd '00) Mercado**, **Sarah '03** and **Esteban '05**. They also have 10 grandchildren.

Returning to the Board



Yvonne (Hurd '80) Wolf majored in American Intercultural Ministries at Moody, then studied psychology at Eastern Michigan University. She has

earned several certifications in lay counseling. Yvonne ministers as a Bible teacher, leadership trainer, conference speaker, vocalist, and the author of three books: *Sitting in Psalms*, *Sitting in Isaiah*, and *Sitting with Jesus*.

Yvonne ministers at Shepherd's Gate, a shelter for battered and abused homeless women, and with City Serve, serving the homeless in California's Tri-Valley area. She and her husband, Jeff, have three children and four grandchildren. They co-founded

Moody Highlights

FinScale Inc., a San Francisco Bay Area technology start-up where Yvonne serves as director of communications and administration.



Tobias Brown '05, a pastor's son who grew up on Chicago's South Side, spent six years in prison before he committed his life to Christ. Tobias

passed the GED, attended community college, and came to Moody, where he received a degree in Bible and Communications in 2005.

In 2006 he married **Angela (Voelker '04)** and moved to London to pursue a Master in Theology from the University of Wales, Spurgeon's College. Currently he lives in New York City with his wife and three daughters and serves as missions director and resident pastor at Trinity Grace Church.

Completing Her Service



Elaina Vazquez-Thompson '08

received her MA in Urban Studies at Moody and currently serves as the director of hospitality and

administration at Hampton Roads Fellowship in Newport News, Va. She is passionate about discipling women in the truths of the gospel and seeks to glorify God in all that she does.

She and her husband, Asquith Thompson, a pastoral resident at HRF, seek to reach out to the lost and proclaim the gospel wherever they are sent. They are praying about moving to Barbados, where Asquith is from, and planting a gospel-centered church there. They were blessed with a son, Asquith Malachi Thompson, on August 9, 2015.

Moody Radio Campaign Funds Bible Translation

Moody Radio campaigns in July 2015 mobilized support for the work of Bible translation in South America and Christian radio in Asia.

The campaigns were part of Moody Radio's Global Partners Project that launched in 2010. By forging international relationships with media ministries, Moody Radio is able to train and equip broadcasters to advance the gospel through radio. "A key component of Moody Radio's Global Partners Project is to educate our listeners about world missions and to invite them to join us to make a difference around the globe," explains Collin Lambert, vice president of Moody Radio.

Throughout the month and during two days of live broadcasting, Moody Radio invited listeners to partner with Wycliffe Bible Translators to fund 35 local "mother-tongue" translators for one year in Peru, Colombia, and Brazil. Listeners gave more than \$250,000 in gifts and pledges, exceeding the initial goal of \$210,000.

Listeners also gave \$311,000 to FEBC (Far East Broadcasting Company) and Reach Beyond, surpassing the \$200,000 needed to fund equipment for starting three new Christian radio stations in an undisclosed Asian country.

"Each ministry shares Moody Radio's commitment to impact the world for Christ," Lambert says.

Recruiting Alumni Mentors for Online Students

Moody alumni can help with a new mentoring program for students who will be graduating from Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning. The Alumni Association has partnered with MBIDL to offer a 16-week mentoring program from January to May that pairs alumni with online undergraduate students as they complete their last semester.

“It’s very common for distance-learning students to have a lot of other things on their plate—they may be working full time, in ministry, have families, and they’re getting their degree,” says **Marika Springer ’16**, a student resource assistant who herself will graduate this spring with a degree in ministry leadership (women’s ministry emphasis).

Springer helped launch the mentoring program a year ago with five mentor-student pairs. “We want to provide support to students as they are transitioning into full-time vocation or ministry.”

MBIDL is especially interested in alumni who have distance learning

experience, but the program is open to all alumni. During the semester, mentors communicate with students by phone or Skype, addressing their questions, helping them set goals, or discussing weekly topics provided by MBIDL. “Last spring, we had one student who wanted to go into missions in Brazil, so the mentor worked with her in contacting missions agencies,” Springer says.

MBIDL strives to partner students with alumni who are already working in the student’s field of interest, whether that is ministry or business. “Right now we even have a full-time stay-at-home mom mentoring a student who said, ‘I want to know how to use my degree as a mom,’” Springer says. “That’s really our goal, to try to connect students with alumni who are a little farther down the road of meeting their goals.”

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a mentor, please email Marika Springer at mdlc@moody.edu.

Moody Receives Second 4-Star Charity Rating

For the second consecutive year, Moody Global Ministries has been named a 4-Star Charity by Charity Navigator, America’s largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities. Only 20 percent of the charities they evaluate have received at least two consecutive 4-star ratings, the highest available.

Business Week, *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*, and *Forbes* have all commended Charity Navigator’s unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. Charity Navigator evaluated financial health, accountability, and transparency. The 4-star rating reflects Moody’s ongoing commitment to practice sound, biblical stewardship of resources entrusted by financial supporters.

‘One’: Missions Conference Challenges Students to Unity

Missions Conference 2015 rallied Moody’s student body in Chicago to get involved in global missions, featuring outstanding speakers, 100 seminars, dozens of prayer gatherings, and the unifying theme of “One,” based on John 17:20–25.

Students heard stirring messages from Stefano Fehr, Call of Hope Ministries’ president, Patrick Fung, general director of OMF International, Dilip Joseph, American medical doctor and author of *Kidnapped by the Taliban*, Kate McCord, a Christian humanitarian aid worker who served in Afghanistan, and **Ernest Gray ’03**, a Bible professor at Moody.



Students wear national attire for opening night of Missions Conference.

At the conclusion of the conference, half of the student body stood in commitment to serve Christ in cross-cultural missions. McCord, author of *Why God Calls Us to Dangerous Places* (Moody Publishers), challenged the rest of the students to adopt and pray for the committed students.

Clive Craigen, associate professor

of Intercultural Studies, was encouraged by the response. “The younger generation has the same core heart and passion, and they’re on their way. They’re coming,” he says. “The baton has to be passed, because most missionary agencies have aging staff.”

Heather Braden de Maradiaga ’09 attended Missions Conference from Honduras, where she and her husband serve in a children’s development center. “I liked the theme of unity—the oneness—because I think that’s a huge part now in working overseas, coming alongside other brothers and sisters in Christ,” she says. During the conference, she helped lead a seminar on “The Power of Us: The Multi-Cultural Team.” To fit in and flourish on a multi-cultural team requires “communication, patience, and a willingness to learn from one another,” she says.

This year students performed hymns, songs, and spoken word from *One*, an album they recorded and produced for the conference with the assistance of alumni **Lebo Poole ’15**, **CW Allen ’14**, and **Micah Bournes ’10**. All proceeds from the album, which is available on iTunes, Amazon MP3, and Google Play, are being donated to Call of Hope Ministries, providing help in the Syrian refugee crisis.

“We’re all part of the global body and we have to stand with each other in different ways,” Craigen says. “Most of us are not going to go and personally help a Syrian refugee, but we can stand with them by praying and giving, and out of concern and support. We have to have each other’s backs.”

New Book by Faculty Couple Shares Wisdom for Young Adults

In *20 Things We'd Tell Our Twenty-something Selves* (Moody Publishers), Moody Bible Institute professors Kelli and **Peter Worrall MDiv '00** share what they wish they'd known in their twenties about God, faith, and life. The idea for the book came out of informal discussions the Worralls have with their college students.

Recognizing that the twenties are pivotal years when young adults lay a foundation for the rest of their lives, Kelli and Peter unfold their own stories with honesty and insight, offering the best of what they've learned about marriage, risk taking, trauma, sin, and Jesus.



For example, Kelli shares her struggle with disappointment after a miscarriage. "Grief is the most important pain of all because it leads us to the place of comfort and healing. It takes us to the foot of the cross," she says. Peter recalls his struggle with doubt, and shares steps to overcome it.

Through personal and biblical reflection, the Worralls show that "God is truly in the business of blowing our minds."

To purchase the book, which includes action steps, questions for reflection and discussion, and suggestions for further reading, visit moodypublishers.com.

New Show to Equip Moody Radio Listeners



Equipping Christians to live in a rapidly changing culture is the focus of Moody Radio's newest national weekday program, *Equipped with Chris*

Brooks, beginning January 4, 2016. Featuring caller interaction and special guests, the live, one-hour program will tackle issues involving marriage, family, vocation, evangelism, and other areas of the Christian life.

Host Chris Brooks is campus dean of Moody Theological Seminary in Michigan and the senior pastor of Evangel Ministries in Detroit, a 1,600-member church. "Chris Brooks' humble, pastoral tone and depth of biblical

knowledge and practical advice will serve our listeners well," says Collin Lambert, vice president of Moody Radio. "We are excited for what the Lord will do through this new program."

Moody Radio will air the program across its 37 owned-and-operated radio stations from noon to 1 p.m. (Central). It can also be heard on their online and network streams, mobile apps, and many affiliate stations.

Equipped replaces *Midday Connection*, which aired its final live program on September 18. Pre-recorded editions will be heard until *Equipped* launches on January 4, and podcasts of *Midday Connection* will be available for one year at moodyradio.org/midday-connection. For more information about Moody Radio, please visit moodyradio.org.

Alumni Couple Still Serving in Music Ministry

“Moody was a great influence in my life and gave me a wonderful start and a wonderful foundation for Christian service,” says **Wendell Borrink '61**. He has served as director of the Singing Men of Oak Brook, a 30-voice Christian men’s chorus from Christ Church of Oak Brook, in Oak Brook, Ill., since 1996. That’s also the year he married **Vivian (Philgreen '59) Pearson-Borrink**, the chorus’s piano accompanist since the group’s founding in 1984.

The couple reconnected at the 50th anniversary of the Moody Chorale in 1996, after Wendell’s first wife, **Carolyn (Cook '61)**, had passed away in 1995.

Since their marriage, Wendell and Vivian have performed about 20 concerts a year with the Singing Men of Oak Brook. The group sings in churches and retirement communities, and twice they’ve sung the national anthem before a Chicago Bulls game. Especially popular are their annual patriotic concerts, Christmas programs, and spring concerts with many notable artists.

A highlight for the Borrinks took place in 1999 when George Beverly Shea and former Moody Chorale director, Donald Hustad, were guests at the Singing Men’s “Celebrate the Century” concert. Shea and Hustad have passed on, but the memories remain, as well as a concert DVD available at singingmenoakbrook.org.

“Don Hustad was my and Vivian’s musical mentor and a spiritual father,” says Wendell, who as a student traveled with The Melody-Airs, a Moody quartet.



The Singing Men of Oak Brook

After graduation from Moody, Wendell worked with the Moody Radio Network, where he produced dramatic series and hosted a number of regular programs. He sang bass with the WMBI staff quartet and was host of *Sunday Night Sing* from 1961 to 1967. He is one of the original Sixteen Singing Men, a nationally known recording group in the 1960s and '70s. Eventually he purchased four radio stations, including one he still owns in Tallahassee, Fla.

Vivian traveled to Europe with the Moody Chorale in 1958. After getting her sacred music diploma from Moody, she completed her degree at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. She enjoyed singing professionally in the Chicago Symphony Chorus and Music of the Baroque Ensemble, and was the contralto soloist at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Vivian also served for 35 years as the classic worship pianist at Christ Church of Oak Brook. She has four children, Wendell has two children, and together they have nine grandchildren.

Music Ensembles Prepare for Ministry Tours

Moody's four music ensembles are rehearsing their repertoires for the upcoming Winter Tour, January 15–17, 2016. Check the itineraries below to see if an ensemble is coming to a church in your area. Then consider supporting them with your presence, prayers, and appreciation.

Moody Chorale, Dr. Xiangtang Hong, Conductor

Fri., January 15, 7:00 p.m.—The Lockport Church, Burnettsville, Ind.
Sat., January 16, 6:00 p.m.—First Baptist Church, Connersville, Ind.
Sun., January 17, 10:30 a.m.—First Baptist Church, New Castle, Ind.
Sun., January 17, 6:00 p.m.—Zionsville Fellowship Church, Zionsville, Ind.

Moody Men's Collegiate Choir, Dr. H. E. Singley III '71, Conductor

Fri., January 15, 7:00 p.m.—Evangelical Free Church, Canton, Ill.
Sat., January 16, 6:00 p.m.—DeWitt Evangelical Free Church, DeWitt, Iowa
Sun., January 17, 9:30 a.m.—Grandview Baptist Church, Davenport, Iowa
Sun., January 17, 6:00 p.m.—Stonebridge Church, Rockford, Ill.

Women's Concert Choir, Dr. Betty-Ann Lynerd, Conductor

Fri., January 15, 7:00 p.m.—Calvary Bible Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Sat., January 16, 6:00 p.m.—Mayfair Bible Church, Flushing, Mich.
Sun., January 17, 10:00 a.m.—Solid Rock Bible Church, South Lyon, Mich.
Sun., January 17, 6:00 p.m.—Robinson Baptist Church, Grand Haven, Mich.

Moody Symphonic Band, David Gauger II, Conductor

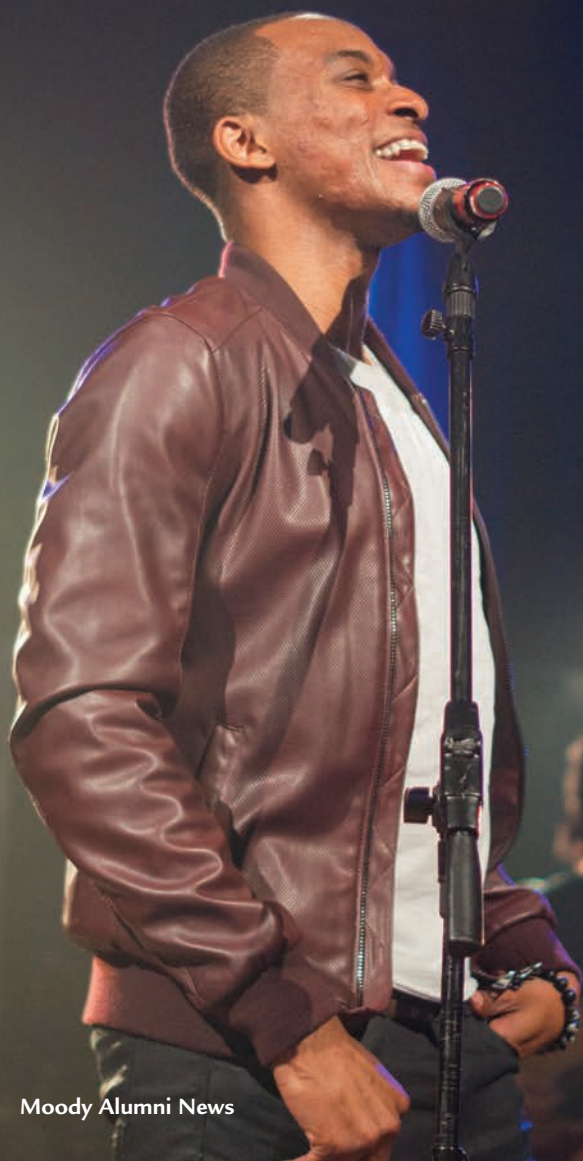
Fri., January 15, 7:00 p.m.—Walnut Hill Bible Church, Baraboo, Wis.
Sat., January 16, 6:00 p.m.—Conover Evangelical Free Church, Conover, Wis.
Sun., January 17, 10:30 a.m.—Calvary Baptist Church, Rhinelander, Wis.
Sun., January 17, 6:00 p.m.—Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis.

Spring concert tours are also planned for March 6–16, 2016. The Moody Chorale and the Women's Concert Choir will perform in the southeastern states, the Moody Men's Collegiate Choir will perform along the East Coast, and the Moody Symphonic Band will travel in the Midwest.

For more details, please visit moody.edu/concerts, or call the Music department at (312) 329-4080.

The **New Voice** of Gospel Music

“We are Christ representers, And we shine our light so bright
That we make 'em say, Whoa! We gotta let 'em know that
We are Christ representers.”



Jonathan McReynolds '15, who recently completed an MA in Applied Biblical Studies at Moody, grew up as the consummate church kid. It was “the center of my life, the social network,” he says. “Luckily for me, my church life was also my neighborhood life.”

Young people hung out at his house on Chicago’s South Side, where he lived with his single mom and older sister, both strong Christians. In church he played drums, learned to play organ, and sang in the youth choir. “I loved doing that,” he says.

But it wasn’t until he went to a secular college to study music that his faith outside of church was tested. Living in the dorms, he was rewarded for being handsome and popular with women, not for his relationship with Christ. Although he still attended church on Sundays, he felt convicted for not representing Christ well the rest of the week. “It was very necessary for me to figure out who I was,” he says.

Faith Awakening

Jonathan learned guitar in college and started writing what he calls self-evangelizing songs. One of the songs, “No Gray,” expresses his thoughts: “If it’s God that I’m after, I can’t serve two masters. Before something happens, I have to turn it all around because I know I can’t just have my cake and eat it too. ‘Cause it’s real easy to stay on the fence . . .”

With a mini-studio in his dorm room he recorded “No Gray,” along with a handful of other original songs, and gave the unofficial CD as a gift to family members. Then one morning, he woke up to about 30 missed calls. The song had been leaked to a local Chicago radio station and the deejay, Pastor John Hannah, was urging listeners to wake him up for an on-air interview.

That interview led to an invitation to perform at the pastor’s church, New Life Covenant Church SE. “Really, that’s how my career started,” says Jonathan, who sold 1,000 copies of his CD at the event. He graduated a year later and signed a record deal with Tehillah Music Group/eOne. In 2012 he produced his first official album, *Life Music*, which debuted at number three on the Billboard charts. Two of the songs, “I Love You” and “No Gray,” were nominated by the Gospel Music Association for Dove Awards as Urban Song of the Year.

Studying through Moody

As Jonathan began traveling and performing his songs across the country, he realized he was often away from his church on Sundays. He needed a way to stay spiritually grounded. “I wanted a structured supplement for all of the Word I was going to miss,” he says.

Jonathan began an online master’s program for a Bible degree through Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning, which fit his traveling lifestyle. “It’s kind of cool to get a graduate degree,” he says, but his primary goal was to stay connected to the Word and to the Lord.

While on the road, he read “a ton of books” for his classes, learned to use biblical Greek software, and gained a greater understanding of scriptural truth. Courses like *Christian Character in Biblical Interpretation* taught him to evaluate himself and his beliefs. “The whole slant of this particular major was making you aware of your baggage and helping you rightly interpret Scripture,” he explains. “It gave me a hunger to find the correct theology. It gave me a willingness to really see what the Bible was saying.”

Jonathan was excited to share with



Jonathan McReynolds warms up on guitar before performing in concert with band members Zack Derbas (left) and Darryl Howell.

others the life principles he was learning from God’s Word. One day he posted a status on Facebook inviting friends to send him “hard-pressing questions about Christianity or the Christian life.” He recorded YouTube videos using the Bible to answer readers’ most common questions, such as “Does God create gay people?” and “Should Christians believe in astrology?”

Now 26, he’s grateful to express his Christian identity wherever doors open. He teaches a gospel ensemble at Columbia College in Chicago and has traveled as far as Berlin, Germany, to lead a choir workshop. This fall, he released his second album, *Life Music: Stage 2*, which “elaborates on and expresses the part of Christian life that occurs outside of church,” he says. It includes songs like “Pressure,” “Christ Representatives,” and a single with Grammy Award-winning R&B vocalist India Arie.

Recently he was nominated for a Dove Award as Gospel Artist of the Year. In September he began a seven-city tour as the musical guest with spoken word artists including Ezekiel Azonwu and Jackie Hill-Perry.

“Amazingly,” he says, “I’ve been embraced and promoted by several sides of the music community: the Christian community, the CCM—the one that is driven more toward whites than blacks—but also R&B and the pop world.”

No matter what world he’s singing in, Jonathan’s message remains the same. “I’m always going to say I’m a Christian artist. I want to open the way for other Christians to walk through these doors and affect their audience as well.”

One reason he says even secular audiences have appreciated his music is because of the lyricism. “It’s about regular life. It’s not about ignoring your humanity. It’s about answering it with Jesus. Sometimes they’ve been waiting for a Christian artist to say it in a way they understand it.”

Jonathan recognizes that God is using his life to make him effective as a Christian gospel singer. “It’s not a character I’m creating. It’s me just being me, and bringing all the things God has already allowed me to go through, gain, and lose, and put that to music. That’s where my purpose and my true testimony lies.”



Western Wall, Old City, Jerusalem

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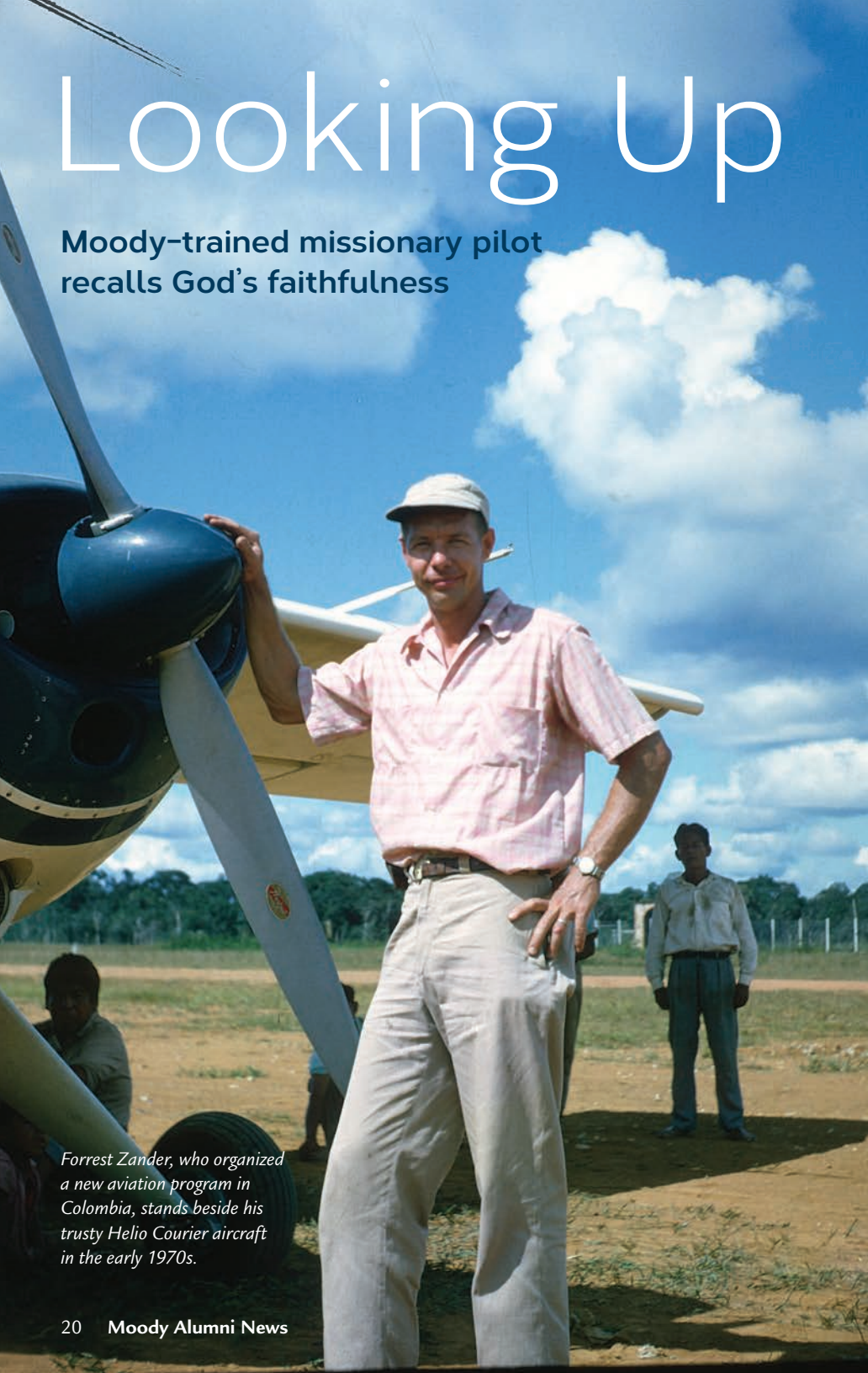


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Looking Up

Moody-trained missionary pilot
recalls God's faithfulness



*Forrest Zander, who organized
a new aviation program in
Colombia, stands beside his
trusty Helio Courier aircraft
in the early 1970s.*

Forrest Zander '56 knew from an early age that he wanted to serve God in ministry, but the idea of preaching in front of a crowd was frightening. He could barely handle one-on-one conversations! In high school he saw a film that featured Moody Aviation graduates serving as missionary pilots in South America. The film was produced by Wycliffe Bible Translators and Moody Bible Institute. *God has a place for shy people!* Forrest thought.

A week later, Forrest's dad drove him to Chicago to tour Moody's campus. They attended classes, checked out the flight program (in the Chicago suburbs at the time), and met Dean Ralph Snow. As they were leaving, Snow shared some prophetic words that Forrest would record in his 2015 memoir, *His Faithfulness Reaches to the Skies: The Story of a Missionary Pilot*. "Forrest," he said, "if you become a missionary pilot, you may stand before presidents and kings and represent the Lord."

Preparing to Fly

During his time at Moody, Forrest learned about night flying, sea planes, instrument flying, cross-country flying—procedures that would keep him alive in challenging, mission-field conditions. He also had opportunities to preach, which helped him overcome his fear of public speaking.

"When I got to the field and started flying in the jungles, I felt very confident that I could do it professionally and carefully and accident free because of my training. The instructors were excellent," Forrest recalls. "Another part I appreciated about Moody was the Bible, theology, and missions that I got during my first two years."

Jungle Meeting

After graduation from Moody, Forrest joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and

went to Mexico for jungle training. He prepared for primitive living, learned to conquer fear of the unknown, and maintained his spiritual life. He also met Margaret Morgan, a single missionary. Soon he was smitten. He married Margaret later that year in September 1958, in Mexico City.

After language study in Peru, the couple was assigned to a jungle mission center in Limoncocha, Ecuador, in March 1960. Forrest served as a missionary pilot and Margaret taught missionary children. There they had their first son, Forrest Jr., who died in infancy.

Flying under God's Grace

In 1964 the Zanders moved to Colombia to start a new Wycliffe aviation program. Through aviation, they supported missionaries who were doing Bible translation and teaching agriculture classes to villagers. They also operated a flying ambulance service and had three more children: Anita, Arlene, and Albert.

Forrest had plenty of prayer-filled moments as a jungle pilot, whether he was encountering aircraft emergencies or transporting unusual cargo (such as bulldozers, a huge transmitter, or two pigs that got loose at 4,000 feet and competed for his seat). One day, while he and his copilot flew over a remote area of the Andes Mountains, Forrest realized they were running out of fuel. Forced to land, they spotted an airstrip at the foot of a mountain, along with about 20 barrels of aviation-grade fuel. They also saw a contingent of Colombian army soldiers waiting for them. Would the army mistake them for drug runners on their way to the United States?

Surrounded by the troops, Forrest explained their presence and their need for 30 gallons of fuel. Amazingly, the commander offered the fuel for free!



Forrest Zander (left) with his 1965 Bible study group. Andres, beside Forrest, became the first believer among Colombia's Muinane people.

While refueling, a storm arose, so they all ducked into a protective area. Forrest read passages from a Spanish New Testament, then gave it as a gift to the commander, who promised to read the New Testament to his troops.

During those years, Ralph Snow's prophecy from Moody was also fulfilled. Zander once was asked to fly the president of Colombia to a remote jungle area during the rainy season. And in 1972 a later president of Colombia met with Zander, then director of Wycliffe's work in Colombia, to express appreciation for their work.

A New Season

Forrest and Margaret flew home on furlough in 1979. Sickness and death in their family prevented them from returning to Colombia, so they continued to work locally, raising funds and spreading awareness of Wycliffe's work to U.S. churches. In 1980 Moody honored Forrest as Alumnus of the Year.

In 2013 Margaret succumbed to

cancer. Some time after her death, Forrest contacted **Wanda Jean (Dykstra '65) Reid**, a Moody graduate and widow. Forrest and Wanda are now happily married. At age 80, Forrest serves as Wycliffe's associate director of advancement and minister at large. He has no plans to slow down. "The Bible says nothing about retiring at 65," Forrest is known to say, "and as long as I have good health and a meaningful ministry, I won't stop, for the Lord's cause is too great."



After Margaret's death, Forrest married Wanda (Dykstra '65) Reid, a longtime family friend.

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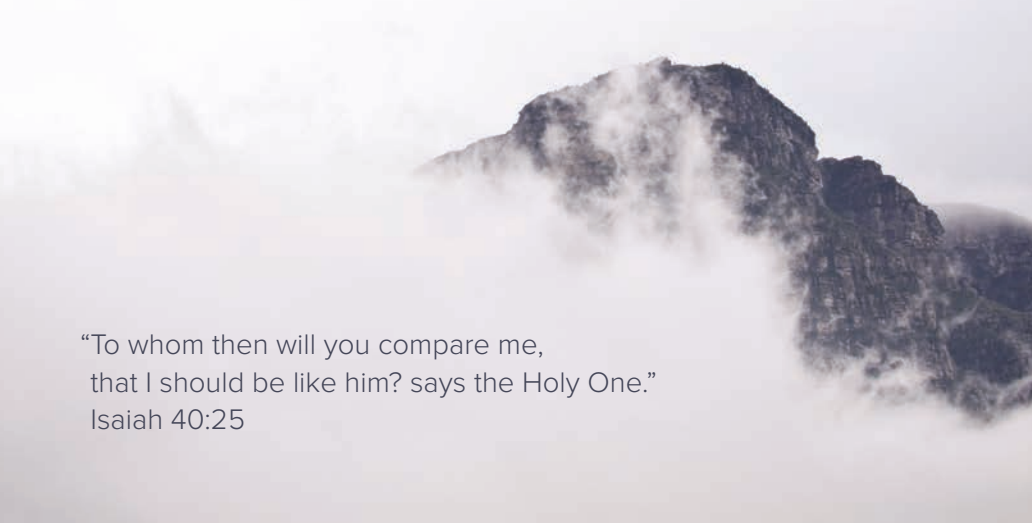
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An Unforeseen Calling in Public Health



Jason Sanford '99

sits calmly in the hospital exam room, ready to deliver bad news to another patient. "You are HIV positive," Jason tells the

young man, then assures him, "A full and satisfying life is still possible."

Suddenly, the man bolts out of the room. A few hours later he returns, telling Jason that he decided not to plunge his car into Lake Michigan and end his life. Jason's message of hope had brought him back for help.

Recalling this dramatic case from one of his earlier public health positions with the city of Chicago, Jason thanks God for leading him into a career where he can partner with patients in overcoming health challenges.

When he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Urban Ministries from Moody, Jason never imagined he would one day use it in the field of public health.

Jason's call to this line of work came unexpectedly after the September 11 attacks in 2001. At that time, Jason was living in Chicago. He was concerned for his disabled mother who was living in Pennsylvania where one of the jets had crashed. Although she wasn't harmed, Jason began wondering where and how she would get help if a similar catastrophe happened.

Jason saw the need to prepare for national and state-wide emergencies. "I guess we all lost a false sense of security that somehow we were

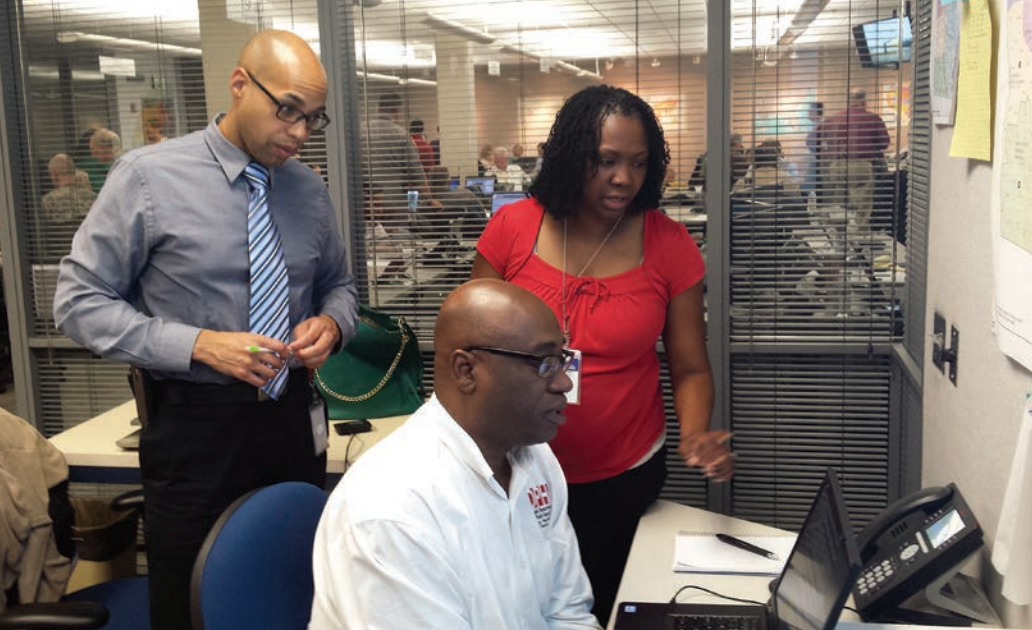
immune to what other countries have been dealing with," he says. "It started a spark in me to learn more about terrorism and the evolving national security system."

In the economic recession following the attacks, Jason found himself without work. A few months later he accepted a position as an HIV case finder for Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. His compassion grew for the young men and women who were patients, as did his frustration at the lack of simple education and awareness that was needed to prevent disease outbreaks.



Wearing a contamination suit, Jason gets hosed down during a simulated emergency.

"At times it felt like I was fighting an endless battle, but I would draw strength from knowing that I was making a difference by touching people's lives," says Jason. He found particular fulfillment when patients helped him track down others who weren't aware they had been exposed



Jason Sanford (left) monitors a developing situation at Georgia's Emergency Operations Center.

to certain diseases. “Each life is worth it, and the motivation genuinely comes out of caring for people.”

Jason continued his education as he worked in Chicago, earning a Master of Public Health and later a Master of Homeland Security. Now Jason serves as the vulnerable populations coordinator for the state of Georgia. Jason partners with organizations throughout the state to ensure that vulnerable people groups such as the homeless, hospital patients, and retirement communities have access to healthcare during times of crisis. Jason’s ultimate goal is to serve as a senior staff member at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or the White House.

One of the most useful career skills Jason learned at Moody is contextualization. Missions courses taught him to offer the hope of Christ in a culturally relevant way. “When I see someone hurting, I cannot do

anything but feel compassion for them. That’s Christ-like for me,” says Jason. “Some coworkers were not successful because their biases prevented them from figuratively taking off their own glasses and putting on that person’s glasses so you could see the world from their perspective—another concept familiar to missions majors.”

Even though Jason did not envision public health as his ministry calling, he believes his education at Moody served as a wonderful foundation for that line of work. “Looking back, going to Moody was the best decision I ever made. Without my urban ministry training, I would not have the foundation that helps me minister to others in the constantly changing circumstances that I have found myself in.”

—Jonathan Goldthwaite, Alumni Association
social media coordinator

When the Arch Became an Icon

Moody alumni regard the Crowell Hall Arch as a campus icon—not just a landmark, but also the visual representation of Moody's core values.



While some college traditions seem to gain meaning as time goes on, the Moody Arch was intended as an important statement from the very beginning. Much of the credit goes to Henry P. Crowell, whose name was added to the building despite his objections.

Crowell made his name as president and majority owner of Quaker Oats. He first learned of Moody during a neighborhood Bible study led by William R. Newell, Moody's assistant superintendent. Crowell soon joined the Moody trustees and suggested an executive committee to efficiently address business matters.

Having built Quaker Oats with a world famous logo, Crowell approached Moody's branding like a corporation. He developed a new campaign to position Moody as "the West Point of Christian Service." His modern approach to marketing rankled some of the old-timers, who complained that Crowell tried to market the Institute as if it were breakfast cereal. But such complaints did not bother Crowell. After all, the oatmeal business was successful.

During the Chicago real estate boom before the Great Depression, Crowell had led the executive team on a buying binge, snapping up neighborhood row houses as they became available. When the stock market crashed in 1929, Moody Bible Institute's enrollment seemed curiously impervious to economic difficulties. Enrollment had grown to 1,200 Day School students and 1,500 in the Evening School. Barely able to keep up with the growth spurt, Moody's classes and offices were scattered over a three-block hodgepodge of structures.

Casual observers would not guess this was a college campus—Moody's property looked like an aging,

somewhat dumpy residential district with 36 random buildings, mostly three stories high. And with the economy recovering more slowly than anyone liked, Chicago's construction boom had ground to a halt.

Awash with thousands of unemployed workers, Chicago received an influx of federal funding for back-to-work programs. One idea was to widen LaSalle Street, but the project would require Moody to lop 14 feet off the front of Smith Hall, a project too gargantuan to even think about.



Henry Crowell

to pay for it, and persuaded the city to throw in some property it owned adjacent to the campus. Crowell capitalized on the activity by razing nine buildings along LaSalle, leaving a curious hole and a good deal of neighborhood speculation.

By this point in his career, Crowell was well insulated from economic slow-downs. After all, everyone was still eating oatmeal, even in the Depression. He responded by giving away 60 percent of his annual earnings, including a generous promise to help fund an audacious new project.

Zealous to transform the campus with an architectural statement, Crowell contracted the Chicago firm of Theilbar and Fugard, who were already famous for designing iconic buildings. Several of their Chicago skyscrapers would land on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Yet where others saw difficulty, Crowell saw the opportunity to force a hard bargain with city planners. He agreed to the partial demolition, got the city

garner the attention of Hollywood producers, such as the Century Tower (later featured in *Batman Begins*), and the Jewelers Building (yes, the giant robot battle in *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*). Fugard was especially well known to the executive committee, having previously designed a new facility for The Moody Church (1918).

The price tag for the campus building—announced as a half million dollars—would end closer to \$700,000. Crowell persuaded his friends to donate toward it, then promised a gift of \$250,000 himself.

So it is fair to say that Crowell Hall was built with oatmeal, lots of oatmeal. His gift would be worth \$4 million today. And at 1938 prices, Crowell's donation amounted to 45 million bowls of oatmeal.



Graduation 1938

The resulting Gothic Revival design hinted at religious devotion and academic stability, culminating in a dramatic 17-foot arch. Faced with red brick and trimmed with Bedford limestone, Crowell's new building looked like it belonged in Chicago. More than anything, it communicated Moody's intention

to invest in a transitional neighborhood. Crowell got the icon he wanted—the arch and tower would dominate north side architecture for decades. But it also posed an interesting question. Was the arch an entrance to the campus, or a gateway to the city?

"The Arch is not to be thought of as an abiding place, but as a place of passage."

Will Houghton would offer a clear answer during his 1939 dedication address: "The Arch is not to be thought of as an abiding place, but as a place of passage. The raw materials which enter its doors are already stamped with two words: 'Go ye.'"

From there, the rest of the tradition evolved naturally. Proceeding through the arch became a standard ritual for graduating classes, but it started in 1938 for more practical reasons. The top floors of Crowell Hall were not yet finished when the summer graduates lined up in their caps and gowns. Now there was only one convenient way to get into the back of the auditorium for the commencement march. So they did what college students do—taking the shortest path between points, walking through the unfinished arch, not really intending to start a tradition.

For any outsiders who struggled to understand the iconic metaphor, Theilbar and Fugard left a few clues. Their Gothic Revival approach should have been sprinkled with medieval oddities that came with the style. But as guests look upward, expecting to see gargoyles, they see stone-carved Bibles. And walking past the arch on the way out, one can't miss the words chiseled in stone.

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How to Change Your Mascot

A semi-official history of Archie the Archer

1. Start without a name

When Moody threw together a basketball team in 1948, the best intramural players were picked for a few exhibition games against Wheaton, Northern Baptist Seminary, and even the Lawson YMCA. Someone bought jerseys with “Moody” on the front, but no one bothered with a mascot or team name. It was only three games.

2. Move slowly



The yearbook staff had adopted the Arch motif in 1938, while Crowell Hall was still under construction. By 1950 an unnamed artist had created the first “Archie” mascot—but for the yearbook, not the sports teams. Oh, and it was a turtle.

3. Buy new jerseys

Moody teams competed for 20 years without much attention to a mascot, until the 1968 teams finally adopted “Archers” for their jerseys. Campus publications began using the name, but the exact persona remained murky.

4. Wear goofy costumes

Proving that nature abhors a vacuum, any number of students volunteered to serve as Moody’s non-existent mascot: a Crusader-looking guy in a tin foil suit (left), two students wearing a foam arch, and finally, a Robin Hood guy with bow and arrow (right). If alumni have more photos, send them in!



5. Start a band

Hoping to sidestep a controversy over musical styles, a group of Moody students organized a pep band for basketball games—a polka band called The Spit Valves. Joseph Stowell bravely sat in with the band for the first game at Solheim Center, playing trombone (who knew?).

6. Host national sports events

The 1991 construction of Solheim Center gave Moody a premiere athletic facility in downtown Chicago. No wonder it became the go-to practice facility for the NBA Pre-Draft Combine, any number of pro teams, and the famed Dream Team II (arriving at Solheim Center in 1996, below).

7. And attract media attention

No hiding it now. Solheim Center was overrun with famous sports reporters, who immediately noticed that Moody's mascot was named after an architectural monument. Moody students laughed when the Archers were added to annual news stories about The Worst College Mascots Ever. It was funny. Sort of.



8. Give away free T-shirts. To NBA players.



Always quick to seize on a good opportunity, Coach Sheldon Basset tossed Shaquille O'Neal a Moody shirt. And Shaq put it on. Posed for a photo. Even signed the picture. (Basset used to keep an autographed pair of Shaq's shoes in a file drawer, some sort of trade). In all seriousness, the Solheim events enhanced Moody's reputation in the city, which benefited enormously from the events. All of this leads to the serious part of our story. . . .

9. Look backward before moving forward

When Athletic Director Dan Dunn recently suggested that Moody needed a new mascot, no one needed much convincing. The only real question was finding a new mascot that proudly proclaimed Moody's values. Dunn had ideas. "Archers is a very unique name and we wanted to keep it because it has been our identity for decades," he said. "Up until now, we did not have a mascot that represented the name and heart of our student-athletes."

Certain phrases kept cropping up in the discussion, such as fast, smart, unwavering, courageous, and a finder of the lost. That last idea seemed to echo one of the oldest Moody values, the idea of leaving the 99 sheep who were safely in the fold, and searching for the lost one. A companion idea quickly emerged—a sheepdog named Archie the Archer (read more of the story at moodyglobal.org).



10. Make a big announcement

After a good bit of artistic tweaking, the new logo was introduced to student athletes during a sports banquet in April 2015. Designers had created a contemporary look that would work well on various team uniforms. And if you look closely at Archie's fur, you might notice something else. "That hidden 'M' is intentional," Dunn says.

"I love the new logo for what it represents. We could have picked any object or animal—even a giraffe—but we wanted something that represents who we really are."

Purchase T-shirts and sweatshirts with the new logo at the campus Moody Gear store, and online at moody.edu/gear.

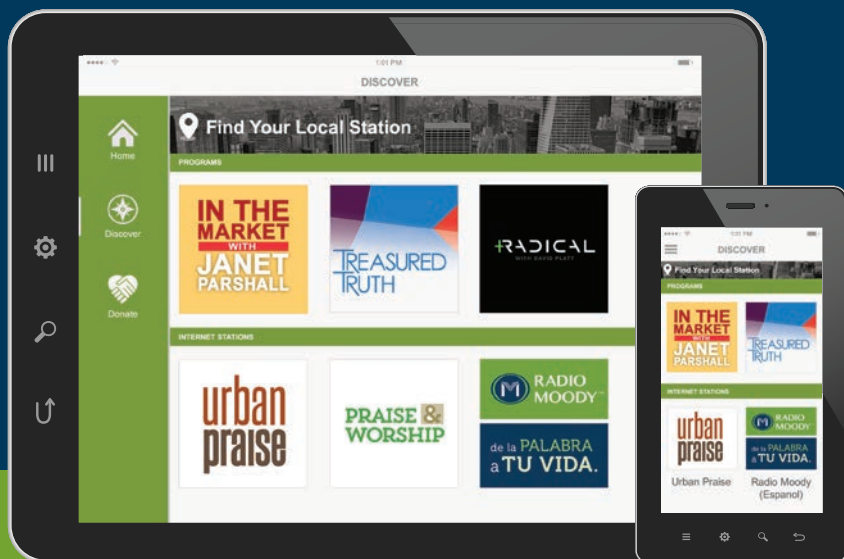


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Life & Ministry Notes

2010s



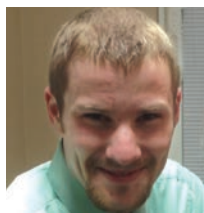
After graduating in May with a BA in Children's Ministry, **Joe Mally '15** accepted a newly created position as the director of

children's ministry at LifePoint Church in Quincy, Ill., a congregation of 400 where one-third are children.

As he develops the children's program, Joe seeks to create an atmosphere where kids and families can pursue a relationship with God and go share their faith with others.

Joe is grateful to be a part of a growing and supportive church. Already a volunteer team of nearly 50 and a leadership team of five assist him. He is excited to see what the Lord will do as he ministers at LifePoint.

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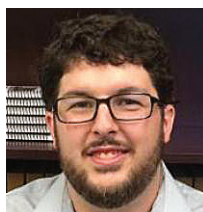


Peter Bridgwood '12 recently accepted a position as head pastor of Putnam Congregational Church in Marietta, Ohio.

He is also currently completing his Master of Divinity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Peter and his wife, **April (Cervinka '12)**, enjoy reading Moody updates and pray for "continual blessing on the school that D. L. Moody founded."

2000s

Joshua Reinders '04 recently joined the Association of Theological



Schools as an administrative assistant. He was previously a pastor of a Pennsylvania church and an academic advisor at Moody Bible

Institute. He is finishing his MA in Religion in Church History and Theology at Trinity School for Ministry. Joshua lives in Ambridge, Pa., with his wife, Rachel, and their three daughters: Elinor (9), Daisy, (7), and Annette (4).

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Dustin DiChiara '03 owns a Chick-fil-A in Florence, Ky. In August he graduated with his MS in Executive Leadership and Organizational Change from Northern Kentucky University. He serves on the worship team at Grace Fellowship Church in Florence. He is also on various community boards. His wife, Amy, is a gastroenterologist with St. Elizabeth's Physicians. They have four children: Levi (7), Evelyn (4), Vivian (3), and Giavanna (1).

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Jeremy '01 and **Rachel (Ruppert '01) Fiet** recently moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Jeremy serves as the production and imaging director and afternoon traffic reporter for 99.1 JOY FM. Jeremy earned his MBA from John



Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., while working as the assistant program director at KLRC, a Christian radio station. In May 2013 Jeremy and Rachel adopted Anna (10) and Evan (8) from Ethiopia. In December 2013 their daughter, Elsie, was born.

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1990s

After attending Moody Bible Institute, **Smedly '98** and **Janet (Anderson '96) Yates** both earned master's degrees at The Master's Seminary, then moved to Nashville, Tenn., to serve in student and music ministries at Community Bible Church. Now they live in Chandler, Ariz., and have five children. Smedly is a pastor at Grace Bible Church in Tempe, Ariz., where he preaches and serves in leadership development. He teaches biblical languages, theology, hermeneutics, and pastoral ministry. Smedly also serves on the board of Finisterre Vision, an organization committed to Bible translation and church planting in the Finisterre Mountains in Papua New Guinea.

Smedly's new book, *Wait: Waiting on God in a World That Won't Wait* (Kress Biblical Resources), provides insight on how Christians can wait on God in an instantaneous culture. Smedly writes, "Waiting is hard. But waiting on

God is infinitely rewarding, for the reward of biblical waiting is the infinitely delightful self-disclosure of God Himself."



After graduation from Moody, **Miriam (Bernstein '90) Finesilver** worked as the secretary to **Dr. Larry J. Davidhizar '74**,

vice president and dean of the undergraduate school. Mimi and her husband, Michael, then moved to North Carolina to serve as house parents in a home for abused children. The Finesilvers later moved to Montgomery, Ala., to be with Mimi's widowed mother who, supported by the prayers of Moody alumni and faculty, accepted Christ. In Montgomery, Mimi served at a crisis pregnancy center and led a post-abortion Bible study in a women's prison.

The Finesilvers live in south Florida where they established Everlasting Life Outreach, a ministry that reaches Jewish people for Christ. They have held public forums between Dr. Michael Brown, a Jewish-Christian apologist, and other rabbis as a means of sharing the gospel with Jewish people. Mimi recently published a book, *Naomi, The Rabbi's Wife*, which was chosen by *Messianic Times* as their June 2015 Book of the Month. It is the story of a woman who finds restoration and forgiveness as she begins to heal from the pain of a previous abortion. "The novel I have written," Mimi says, "was borne out of my passion for healing women from post-abortion trauma and proclaiming to Jewish people that Jesus is our Messiah."

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Life & Ministry Notes

1980s

Roland Audette ASP '82 came to Christ in college after a friend shared with him his need for a Savior. He enrolled in Moody Bible Institute's ASP program and became involved in the Student Missionary Fellowship. While at Moody, he sensed a strong call from God to minister to Asian people. Roland says, "It was [at Moody] that God put a deep love and compassion for Asia in my heart." After graduating, he took missions trips to Canada, Haiti, Indonesia, Russia, Belarus, and Hong Kong. In 2000 Roland finally traveled to an Asian country to begin teaching English. He has started numerous Bible studies, proclaimed Jesus' name to thousands of people, and baptized new believers.

1970s



Vincent Kovlak '74 pastored for three years in New York City before pastoring in Bellmawr, N.J., for the last 34 years. He has

five children and four grandchildren. He says his Moody education and practical experience prepared him for his current ministry. Vincent looks on his time at Moody as a great blessing.

1960s

Ken '66 BA '84 and Carol (Lindberg '62-'64) Fairweather served in literature production and administration in Mexico and Dallas with Camino Global for 23 years. After receiving his MBA and Doctor



of Business Administration, Ken taught at LeTourneau University for 19 years. He is in his fourth year of teaching at

East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas. Ken and Carol have led international travel teams to Europe and Asia. They have three children and three grandchildren.

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Dr. Judy Ann (Gutwein '66) Mumford was called to family ministry while taking education courses at Moody Bible Institute.

She received her MS and PhD in Family Studies at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. Judy Ann is an educator, researcher, speaker, child advocate, and author. Her book, *Beyond Rubber Duckies: Preparing Children for the Voyage of Life* (Deep River Books, 2013), is an in-depth study on parenting using biblically based principles. In forming her study and research, Judy Ann interviewed adolescents to understand their perspectives on their family experiences. Judy Ann has been married to her husband, Eric, for 49 years. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Beth Ellen Hanna '65 is a missionary with Camino Global in San Juan del Rio, Mexico. She works with Camino Global's website and ministers with



the women's ministry at Abundant Life Bible Church. She recently celebrated a family reunion with her four children and 20 grandchildren, a few of whom are missionaries or pastors.

Beth comes from a large family of Moody alumni including her parents, **Arthur '39** and **Velva (Nelson '41) Phillips**, who served with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Mexico and Latin America. Her uncle and aunt, **James Ellsworth '37** and **Edna (Phillips' 37) Dade**, served with TEAM in Venezuela. Beth's aunt, **Lola (Philipps '41) Sunwall**, served with TEAM in Formosa and managed an orphanage of 100 girls with her husband.

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Verne '65 and **Marilyn (Steven '65) Waldow** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 28. Verne is retired after 37 years of working for the U.S. Labor Department. The Waldows continue to own and operate Greenwich Hill Farm, a horse training facility, and attend Market Street

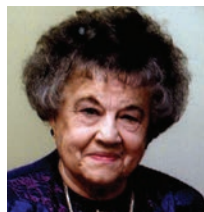


Fellowship in Akron, Ohio. They have four children and four grandchildren.

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1950s



Alice (Greene '53-'54 ES '55-'56) Powell

lives at Central Baptist Village in Norridge, Ill. She helps set up chapel, attends

a prayer group and Bible study, and assists with transporting other residents to choir practice. Alice grew up in Washington, Mich., and met her husband, **Larry '56**, in high school. They attended Moody Bible Institute together and had four children: Tim, Todd, Tammy, and Trudy. Larry passed away in 2001. Alice now writes cards of encouragement and prays for 50 of her friends who are also widowed. "God has been so good and I praise Him," she says.

Mac '54 and **Rhoda (Kieffer '55) Bradshaw** served with OMF from 1958 to 1973. In 1969 Mac received his master's degree from Fuller Theological Seminary's School of World Mission. He then worked with Latin America Mission's Evangelism-in-Depth movement, a ministry that launched in Singapore and moved to Vietnam, Japan, and the Philippines.

Mac joined the National Liberty Foundation in 1973 and went to the Philippines in 1976. He and Rhoda started several ministries such as the Institute for Pastoral Development, an inductive Bible school within

a Catholic community. They also began the Institute for Studies in Asian Church and Culture, a non-profit ministry to enrich the Filipino church and society as well as develop Asian missiology and cross-cultural studies. In 1980 Mac joined World Vision's Asia Regional Office in the Philippines, where he served as a pastor and trained the staff in how to bring Scripture to the departments' strategy and development plans. He consulted for this ministry until 2014.

Rhoda worked in a foster care agency and established a home for abandoned infants and sexually abused girls. Many of the neglected infants were adopted, and more than 2,000 abused girls were loved and educated through Rhoda's ministry. In 1984 Rhoda began focusing on housing and livelihood programs.

Now retired, Mac and Rhoda spend nine months of the year in Manila, where they volunteer with ISACC. Mac is involved with Bible studies and discipleship. Rhoda runs the guest house, organizes the library, and oversees building maintenance. They say their greatest joy is serving Jesus.

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Leroy Johnson '53 graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with an electrical engineering degree before he sensed

God directing him into full-time missionary work. Nicknamed Bud, he and his wife, **Audrey '53**, attended Moody Bible Institute, then were commissioned with the Evangelical Alliance Mission in 1956 to serve as

missionaries in Korea.

Bud worked in church planting and evangelism. He held Bible classes at a college and a prison and trained evangelists to share the gospel in the islands off the West Coast of Inchon. Twelve churches were planted. Audrey did relief work, taught Bible at a women's college and in a prison, and home-schooled their three sons.

After 10 years in Korea, the Johnsons began planting churches in Trinidad, specifically in St. Augustine and Santa Rosa Heights. Bud served as field council treasurer and taught Bible and prophecy courses at the Leadership Training School. Audrey established Sunday schools, held vacation Bible schools, trained teachers, taught girls at camp, held a ladies' Bible study, and created a curriculum for Christian leadership training.

When their visas expired, Bud and Audrey moved to South Africa, where they taught in churches and at Durban College. They later moved to Zimbabwe and taught at Harare Theological College.

Now retired, Bud and Audrey visit churches to speak about missionary work. "We both truly praise the Lord for our training at Moody, and we put it to good use to the salvation of souls and planting of churches," they say. "What a blessing to serve Christ!"

Births

To **Blair '08** and Erin **Cushman**, a daughter, born June 15, 2015. Gemma joins brother Malacai. Her older sister, Gwendolyn, died in infancy.

Blair is the associate pastor at Kerrville Bible Church in Kerrville, Texas.

To **Andy '22** and Megan **Wright**, a son, Abraham Walter, born January 8, 2015.

Abraham joins four siblings. The Wrights live in Dell Rapids, S.D.



To **Dariusz '99** and Brook **Brycko**, a son, Anselm Wincenty, born June 8, 2015. Anselm joins two siblings. Anselm was

named after Anselm of Canterbury, a medieval theologian and philosopher. His middle name, Wincenty, is after

Dariusz's grandfather Vincent. The Bryckos live in Warsaw, Poland.



To Ivan and **Jenny (Brown '07) Davis**, a girl, Anna Eleanor, born April 23, 2015. Anna joins older sister, Heidi.

Gatherings



Give Me an "M"! Several alumni spelled "Moody" while gathered at a conference in the Netherlands in April. They enjoyed talking about their PCMs, Chicago, and their time at Moody. Pictured is **S.V. '00–'04**, **Jean Scypinski ASP '80**, **Sarah Chambers '06**, **Emil H. '94**, and **Ken Morton '90**. Not pictured: **Dennis '86**. Some names are incomplete for security reasons.

What's New with You?

Send the details of your recent transitions, ministry updates and accomplishments, family announcements—and, if possible, a good quality photo—by email to alumnews@moody.edu or by mail to Moody Alumni Association, 820 N. LaSalle Blvd., Chicago, IL 60610-3284. Questions? Call the Alumni Association Office at (312) 329-4412.

Present with the Lord



Dr. Edward Reese '50, age 87, July 4, 2015.

A dedicated member of the Moody Alumni Board for six

years, Dr. Reese served the Lord faithfully as a pastor, evangelist, musician, and teacher. While attending Moody Bible Institute, he directed Senn High School's Bible Club, played on the championship basketball team, edited the sports section of *The Moody Student*, and was a member of King's Crusaders, a gospel team that traveled across the Midwest. In 1953 he married his wife of 61 years, Margaret Babcock.

After graduation, Dr. Reese organized city-wide high school Bible clubs with Youth for Christ and traveled to Japan where he was a part of more than 400 meetings that resulted in 19,600 conversions. He also spent nearly a year in Brazil ministering with Youth for Christ. He served with World Literature Crusade, Christian Aid Mission,

Second Coming, and Jack Van Impe Ministries.

Dr. Reese preached and pastored at numerous churches both nationally and globally. He frequently played the accordion and led songs in his ministry. Dr. Reese taught at Hyles-Anderson College in Crown Point, Ind., for 13 years. He finished his career teaching Church Ministries, Missions, and History at Crown College, Powell, Tenn.

Dr. Reese was best known for *The Reese Chronological Bible*, published in 1980 by Bethany House and still in print. He enjoyed researching the history of Moody alumni, and had donated his notes to the Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Melvin Reese. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; children, **Wesley Scott Reese '95** and wife Lisa, Lane Reese and wife Marlina, Philip Reese and wife Sharon, Rebecca Porter and husband Tom, and Donna Twilla and husband Jeff; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

1980s



C. David Fitch ASP '85, age 55, July 28, 2015, Green Bay, Wis.

In 1987 David married **BethAnne Gerstung '86**.

They had two daughters, Katherine and Ellianna. David served with the youth group and Sunday school at New Hope Presbyterian Church. In

2015 he passed away after suffering several strokes. BethAnne and her family are grateful that the Lord instilled in them the truth of His love and sovereignty for this time.

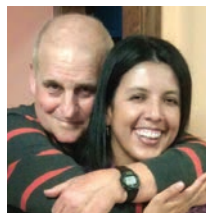
David was preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, two daughters, his father, and siblings.

1970s

Harold Wade Williams '78, age 66, July 18, 2015, Tucson, Ariz.

Harold was born in Lorain, Ohio. One of four siblings, he received Christ as Savior while attending Grace Brethren Church in Elyria, Ohio. Harold suffered from a disability for more than 10 years, but he now sees Jesus face to face.

He is survived by three of his siblings: Dianne, Wesley, and Keith.



Steve Callison
'76, age 58,
November 19,
2013.

Steve was
involved in
international

economic development with a variety of organizations while living in the United States, Haiti, and Latin America. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2011 and passed away two years later. Steve is survived by his wife, Sandra; his oldest daughter, Gwyn Heston, and her family; and two younger children, Juan and Anna.

1950s

Forrest L. Neyer '55-'56, age 80,
February, 26, 2015, Mansfield, Ohio.

Forrest proudly served with the U.S. Army in Italy. He was a prayer group leader and deacon with Mansfield Baptist Temple. He enjoyed playing golf and tennis.

Forrest is survived by his wife, Gerry; three children, Carla and husband Michael, John and wife Sharon, and Judy and husband Jim; seven grandchildren; one sister; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Elizabeth (Leatherman '51) Ward, age 90, July 22, 2015.

Before attending Moody Bible Institute, Mary graduated from the Mercy School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio, and also completed a midwifery course. She worked as a visiting nurse for several years in Ohio and Missouri before she became a Christian at a Youth for Christ meeting. She was dearly loved by everyone who knew her.

Mary was preceded in death by her son, Stephen Paul Ward, and 11 sisters and brothers. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Paul M. Ward; three siblings; and grandson Daniel Ward and his wife, Stephanie.

1940s



Vivian (Brown) Beals '48, age
93, December
1, 2014, Grand
Rapids, Mich.

Vivian was a
missionary in

the Central African Republic along with her husband, **Paul Beals '48**. Vivian and her husband ministered with Baptist Mid-Missions from 1952 to 1964. She eventually became a missionary emeritus with BMM. She taught in the business department at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich., for 25 years and received Cornerstone's Alumna of the Year Award in 1989. Vivian's life verse was Romans 12:1-2, and she will be remembered by her family and friends as a godly mentor.

Vivian is survived by her children, Lois, Stephen, Samuel, and Timothy; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a sister. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, her three brothers, and two sisters.

Present with the Lord

Robert Corbett '48, age 94, July 7, 2015.

Bob Corbett started businesses in the trucking, farming, manufacturing, marketing, motor sport, marine, and advertising industries. He used his entrepreneurial business skills to make a practical difference in the lives of his customers and employees.

As a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Emmaus Bible School in Toronto, Canada, Bob was actively involved in Christian organizations including St. James Gospel Chapel, Faith Bible Camp, Gideons International, Canadian Sunday School Mission, and Christian Business Men's Connection.

Bob was a choir director and soloist in quartets and choirs. He avidly studied the Bible and shared with others what he was learning. He taught the Scriptures on a weekly television show. Bob was also committed to camp ministry for children. His life was motivated by the message of God's grace and Christ's power to change lives.

Bob is survived by Evelyn, his wife of 67 years; his siblings, Doug Corbett and Helen Scarff; his children, Allan and wife Charlaïne, Howard and wife Gale, Ian and wife Carole, Ruth and husband Doug, and David; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.



Ruby Marie (Church '48-'48) Beckman, age 89, May 20, 2015, Kalamazoo, Mich.

After attending Moody Bible

Institute, Ruby married her husband, **Carl E. Beckman '49**. Ruby and Carl had four children: David Beckman,

Judy (Beckman '74) Schulz, Samuel Beckman '72-'73, and Philip Beckman. Ruby encouraged others in Christ's love by writing greeting cards, teaching Sunday school, supporting missionaries, and visiting friends and family. Ruby will be remembered as a faithful wife and mother.

She is survived by her siblings; three of her children; eight grandchildren, including **Marsha Schulz '11**; and two great-grandchildren.



David Martin Krehbiel '47, age 89, July 10, 2011.

David earned a BA in Psychology after attending Moody Bible Institute.

Before becoming a pastor, he worked for Hi-BA, a ministry for teens and college students. He was part of a gospel radio program called *Above the Clouds*, and he traveled with evangelists Dick Robinson, Kirby Smith, and Jack Wyrzten. David was a soloist, gospel quartet singer, and song leader for tent crusades throughout the northeast as well as being an ordained minister and rural missionary.

David was instrumental in planting The Gospel Chapel in Clementon, N.J.; and Fords Bush Bible Church, Richfield Springs Bible Church, and Grace Baptist Church in New York. After retiring he served as an interim pastor for North Gage Presbyterian Church. Even while suffering from dementia, David was deeply concerned that everyone learned about Christ's forgiveness.

David is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marian; children, Lynda and Steve; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and "brother and sister" Rev. Robert and Evelyn

Rusbult, and their families. David's daughter Sharon passed away in 2014.



Paul Shackley '44-'46, age 89, May 27, 2015, Irmo, S.C.

Paul attended Moody in '44-'46 and

then transferred to Taylor University. Paul and his wife, Elsie, would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in July 2015.

He is survived by his wife, two children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Shirley (Jones '43) Bowen, age 95, July 25, 2015, Glendale, Ariz.

Shirley faithfully served the Lord for many years as

a pianist, organist, choir director, and soloist in various churches in Chicago, Fort Wayne, Ind., Easton, Pa., and Winamac, Ind. She also taught music and communicated her love for the Lord to numerous students wherever she lived. In 1944 she married **Marvin F. Bowen ES '39-'40**, and they had two sons.

In 2006 Shirley relocated to Arizona to be near her family. She is survived by her son, Marvin R. Bowen; her

sister, Florence Heitzman; brother, Jack Jones; step-sister, Erma Lorenz; three grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin, and her son, Paul Bowen.

1930s

Margaret (Hunt '34) Dunn, age 105, February 14, 2015.

Believed to have been Moody's oldest living alumna, Margaret was born June 23, 1909, in Chai Ryung, Korea, at the Presbyterian Mission compound. After graduating from Moody Bible Institute, Margaret taught and managed the student residence at the Foreign School in Pyongyang, the present capital of what is now North Korea. The school closed in 1940 after the Japanese invasion, so Margaret moved to Philadelphia where she married Reverend Leslie Dunn in 1946. Margaret supported and encouraged her husband in their ministries at Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, N.J.

Margaret moved in with her daughter and son-in law, Dorothy and John Williams, when she was no longer able to live by herself. Despite dementia, she continued singing hymns to the Lord up to her 105th birthday.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy; son, Richard Dunn; son-in-law, H. Lloyd Burghart; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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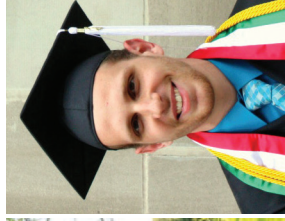
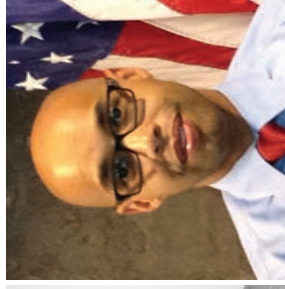
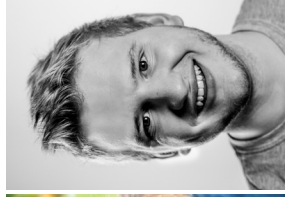
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